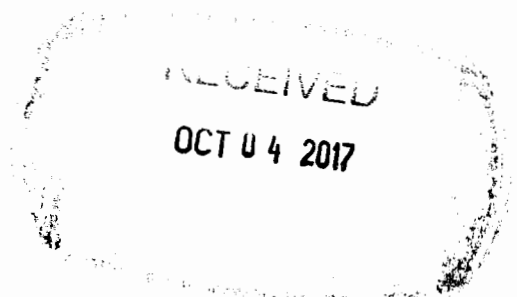




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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016



BARLOW, WALKER & COMPANY, P.A.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen
City of Florence, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Florence, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Florence, Mississippi's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Florence, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of the City's Contributions on pages on pages 3-8 and 35-38 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Florence, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2017, on our consideration of City of Florence, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Florence, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Barlow, Walker & Company, P.A.
Brandon, Mississippi
August 31, 2017

CITY OF FLORENCE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

The Discussion and Analysis of the City of Florence, Mississippi's ("City") financial performance provides an overall review of the City's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2016. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole. Please read it in conjunction with the City's financial statements that follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for 2016 were as follows:

Total net position for 2016 increased \$190,180 or 3.08% from fiscal year 2015. The increase in net position is attributed to a change in net position from current year operations of \$190,180. Total net position for 2015 decreased \$1,146,487 or 15.6% from fiscal year 2014, which was primarily attributed to the implementation of GASB 68 that included a prior period adjustment for net pension liability restatement.

General revenues accounted for \$2,354,737 and \$2,421,895 in revenue, or 47.1% and 47.5% of all revenues for fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$2,646,860 or 52.9% for 2016 and \$2,674,331 or 52.5% of total revenues for 2015.

In the business-type activity of water and sewer, water and sewer expenses were \$1,250,846 while charges for services were \$1,508,865 and capital grants and contributions were \$530,197.

Long-term debt, including net pension liability, increased by \$3,527,405 and \$2,456,775 for fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively. The increase in 2016 was due to the excess of debt issuances over debt repayments. The increase in 2015 was primarily related to the recording of the net pension liability due to the implementation of GASB 68. The net pension liability was \$3,346,717 and \$2,814,907 for 2016 and 2015, respectively. Additionally, the liability for compensated absences increased by \$9,992 and \$234 in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Overall, the book value of capital assets increased by \$2,126,969 and \$2,747,164 for 2016 and 2015, respectively. The change for 2016 and 2015 was primarily due to the capitalization of construction in progress and purchases exceeding depreciation expense and retirements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements comprise four components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements, and 4) required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and include all assets and liabilities.

The statement of net position presents information on all the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information for the change in net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

CITY OF FLORENCE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the City that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) and water, sewer, and sanitation charges (proprietary activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, and interest on long-term debt.

The government-wide financial statements are included in the financial statements section of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the City's current financing requirements. Government funds are reported using modified accrual accounting. This method of accounting measures cash and other assets that can be easily converted to cash. The governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's operations.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the City's current financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. The basic governmental fund financial statements and the reconciliations are included in the financial statements section of this report.

Proprietary funds. The City maintains one type of proprietary fund, the enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses the enterprise fund to account for its Water and Sewer operations as well as sanitation services.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found in the financial statements section of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the financial statements section of this report.

Required supplementary information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents required supplementary information including budgetary comparison statements for the General Fund and the Park Fund and the schedule of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of the City's contributions.

CITY OF FLORENCE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

GOVERNMENT-WIDE OVERALL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities and may serve as a useful indicator of the City's financial position. These statements include all of the City's assets and liabilities resulting from the use of the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus of measurement.

Net position. The City's combined net position, on the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources measurement focus, increased from \$6,182,934 to \$6,373,114 between fiscal years 2015 and 2016. This increase is the result of the change in net position from operations of \$190,180.

Table 1 presents a summary of the City's net position at September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Table 1 - Condensed Statements of Net Position						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Assets:						
Current & other assets	\$ 1,418,990	\$ 1,792,026	\$ 4,374,571	\$ 2,958,726	\$ 5,793,561	\$ 4,750,752
Capital assets, net	5,491,251	5,589,389	6,085,221	3,856,114	11,576,472	9,445,503
Total Assets	<u>\$ 6,910,241</u>	<u>\$ 7,381,415</u>	<u>\$ 10,459,792</u>	<u>\$ 6,814,840</u>	<u>\$ 17,370,033</u>	<u>\$ 14,196,255</u>
Deferred Outflows						
of Resources	<u>\$ 619,879</u>	<u>\$ 492,286</u>	<u>\$ 30,282</u>	<u>\$ 33,428</u>	<u>\$ 650,161</u>	<u>\$ 525,714</u>
Liabilities:						
Current & other liabilities	\$ 394,969	\$ 569,063	\$ 670,761	\$ 862,204	\$ 1,065,730	\$ 1,431,267
Long-term liabilities	4,479,404	4,039,673	6,035,968	3,068,095	10,515,372	7,107,768
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,874,373</u>	<u>\$ 4,608,736</u>	<u>\$ 6,706,729</u>	<u>\$ 3,930,299</u>	<u>\$ 11,581,102</u>	<u>\$ 8,539,035</u>
Deferred Outflows						
of Resources	<u>\$ 6,212</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,766</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 65,978</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Position:						
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 4,280,516	\$ 4,281,333	\$ (313,038)	\$ 2,041,601	\$ 3,967,478	\$ 6,322,934
Restricted	514,688	330,051	2,588,731	1,500,822	3,103,419	1,830,873
Unrestricted	(2,145,669)	(1,346,419)	1,447,886	(624,454)	(697,783)	(1,970,873)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,649,535</u>	<u>\$ 3,264,965</u>	<u>\$ 3,723,579</u>	<u>\$ 2,917,969</u>	<u>\$ 6,373,114</u>	<u>\$ 6,182,934</u>

The City's total assets increased \$3,173,778 during 2016 with governmental activities showing an decrease of \$471,174 and business-type activities showing an increase of \$3,644,952. The increase was primarily due to an increase in capital assets.

The City's total liabilities increased \$3,042,067 during 2016 due primarily to the excess of debt issuance over debt repayments.

The City's net position increased \$190,180 from 2015 to 2016 due to a change in net position from current year operations.

CITY OF FLORENCE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Table 2 summarizes the changes in net position for fiscal years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Table 2 - Changes in Net Position						
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 531,409	\$ 551,281	\$ 1,508,865	\$ 1,213,622	\$ 2,040,274	\$ 1,764,903
Operating grants	45,116	60,618	-	-	45,116	60,618
Capital Grants & Contributions	31,273	848,810	530,197	-	561,470	848,810
General revenues	2,337,343	2,358,573	17,394	63,322	2,354,737	2,421,895
Total Revenues	2,945,141	3,819,282	2,056,456	1,276,944	5,001,597	5,096,226
Program Expenses:						
General government	936,844	838,421	-	-	936,844	838,421
Public safety	1,267,525	1,187,861	-	-	1,267,525	1,187,861
Public services	542,622	337,936	-	-	542,622	337,936
Culture & recreation	372,338	373,153	-	-	372,338	373,153
Water and sewer	-	-	1,242,725	1,148,361	1,242,725	1,148,361
Interest	41,400	41,897	-	-	41,400	41,897
Pension expense	399,842	330,429	8,121	5,059	407,963	335,488
Total Expenses	3,560,571	3,109,697	1,250,846	1,153,420	4,811,417	4,263,117
Change in net position	\$ (615,430)	\$ 709,585	\$ 805,610	\$ 123,524	\$ 190,180	\$ 833,109

Governmental Activities. Revenues for the City's governmental activities for the year ended September 30, 2016 were \$2,945,141 compared to \$3,819,282 in 2015. Program revenues decreased 22.9% primarily as a result of a decrease in capital grants. General revenues are, for the most part, comprised of sales and use taxes, grants, and property taxes.

The cost of providing all governmental activities for 2016 was \$3,560,571 and for 2015 was \$3,109,697, an increase of \$450,874 for 2016 and an increase of \$394,385 for 2015. Of this amount, general government expenses increased \$98,423 for 2016 and increased \$87,807 for 2015; public safety expenses increased \$79,664 in 2016 and decreased \$23,045 in 2015; public services expenses increased \$204,686 in 2016 and decreased \$4,552 in 2015; culture and recreation expenses decreased \$815 in 2016 and increased \$3,495 in 2015; interest on long-term debt expenses decreased \$497 in 2016 and increased \$251 in 2015, and pension expense increased \$69,413 in 2016 and increased \$335,488 in 2015, which was the year of implementation of GASB 68.

The City's largest programs are general government, public safety, public services, and culture and recreation. Expenses exceeding revenues are offset by general revenues generated by taxes, investment income and other general revenues.

Business-type Activities. Revenues for business-type activities are primarily comprised of charges for water and sewer services. Charges for services for the City's business-type activities were \$1,508,865 for 2016 and \$1,213,622 for 2015, an increase of \$295,243 in 2016 and an increase of \$58,936 for 2015.

The costs of these business-type activities were \$1,250,846 and \$1,153,420 for 2016 and 2015, respectively, an increase of \$97,426 in 2016 and a decrease of \$20,978 in 2015.

CITY OF FLORENCE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on current inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the City's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The financial performance of the City as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the City completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,114,883, a decrease of \$205,402. The fund balance consists of the following: \$39,501 or 3.5% which is restricted for specific purposes which are externally imposed, \$333,864 or 29.9% which is committed for specific purposes internally imposed by the City, \$1,367 or .1% which is assigned by the Board for specific purposes, and \$740,151 or 66.4% which is unassigned and available for spending for any purpose.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The City's budget is prepared according to Mississippi law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

Over the course of the year, the City revised the annual operating budget. Schedules showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the City's actual financial activity for the General Fund and Park Fund are provided in this report as required supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. As of September 30, 2016, the City's total capital assets were \$19,642,290 including land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, machinery, equipment, furniture, and vehicles. This amount represents an increase of \$2,521,920 for 2015 to 2016 and an increase of \$3,159,669 for 2014 to 2015. The accumulated depreciation as of September 30, 2016 was \$8,069,818 and total depreciation expense for the year was \$452,034, resulting in total net capital assets of \$11,572,472.

Table 3 presents a summary of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation as of September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Table 3 - Summary of Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Land	\$ 867,224	\$ 867,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 867,224	\$ 867,224
Construction in Progress	1,084,423	1,023,215	273,133	1,376,890	1,357,556	2,400,105
Buildings & improvements	3,174,512	3,309,331	5,728,916	2,370,638	8,903,428	5,679,969
Machinery, equipment, & vehicles	361,092	389,619	83,172	108,586	444,264	498,205
Total	\$ 5,487,251	\$ 5,589,389	\$ 6,085,221	\$ 3,856,114	\$ 11,572,472	\$ 9,445,503

Additional information of the City's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements included in this report.

CITY OF FLORENCE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Debt Administration. At September 30, 2016 and 2015, the City had \$7,677,058 and \$4,681,463, respectively, in general obligation bonds and other long-term debt as shown in Table 4.

Table 4 - Outstanding Notes and Long-Term Obligations

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,106,667	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 2,548,333	\$2,930,000	\$ 3,655,000	\$ 4,085,000
Revenue bonds	-	-	3,500,000	-	3,500,000	-
Capital loans	104,068	153,056	349,926	385,335	453,994	538,391
Compensated absences	65,851	56,481	2,213	1,591	68,064	58,072
Total	\$ 1,276,586	\$ 1,364,537	\$ 6,400,472	\$3,316,926	\$ 7,677,058	\$ 4,681,463

Additional information of the City's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements included in this report.

CURRENT ISSUES

Public Works and Street Department. During FYE 2016 the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment facility was completed and the facility became fully operational. Construction of U. S. Highway 49 Utility Relocation and Highway 49 Pump Station (MDOT) projects began and is scheduled for completion during 2017 fiscal year. Various streets were resurfaced throughout the city during fiscal year 2016.

Grants. Engineering for the Eagle Post Road Bike Path (MDOT 80/20 grant) project began during fiscal year 2016 and is schedule for completion during the fall of 2017. The Florence Police Department continues to participate in the Justice Department and Homeland Security Grant Programs.

Planning and Development. Future development for the city of Florence includes the expansion of water and sewer lines on Eagle Post Road. Construction of a new water well to be located on the west side of the city was budgeted in order to support any future commercial development in the area.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the City of Florence, Mississippi's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Linda Wigley, City Clerk, at (601) 845-8856 or email CityClerk@CityofFlorence.comcastbiz.net.

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CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2016

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Totals
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 646,482	\$ 1,525,142	\$ 2,171,624
Receivables:			
Accounts receivable	-	162,733	162,733
Ad valorem	33,971	-	33,971
Franchise tax	20,964	-	20,964
Current sales tax	202,885	-	202,885
Due from other funds	-	97,965	97,965
Total current assets	904,302	1,785,840	2,690,142
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets, net	5,491,251	6,085,221	11,576,472
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	514,688	2,588,731	3,103,419
Total noncurrent assets	6,005,939	8,673,952	14,679,891
Total assets	6,910,241	10,459,792	17,370,033
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred loss on bond refunding	-	20,152	20,152
Deferred outflows related to pensions	619,879	10,130	630,009
Total deferred outflows of resources	619,879	30,282	650,161

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2016

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Totals
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 199,413	\$ 65,821	\$ 265,234
Accrued interest payable	6,729	58,817	65,546
Current portion of capital improvement loan	35,862	36,123	71,985
Current portion of bonds payable	55,000	510,000	565,000
Due to other funds	97,965	-	97,965
Total current liabilities	394,969	670,761	1,065,730
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences	65,851	2,213	68,064
Deposits payable	-	128,582	128,582
Capital improvement loan	68,206	313,803	382,009
Bonds payable	1,051,667	5,538,333	6,590,000
Net pension liability	3,293,680	53,037	3,346,717
Total noncurrent liabilities	4,479,404	6,035,968	10,515,372
Total liabilities	4,874,373	6,706,729	11,581,102
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Developer construction advances	-	59,640	59,640
Deferred inflows related to pensions	6,212	126	6,338
Total deferred inflows of resources	6,212	59,766	65,978
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	4,280,516	(313,038)	3,967,478
Restricted	514,688	2,588,731	3,103,419
Unrestricted	(2,145,669)	1,447,886	(697,783)
Total net position	\$ 2,649,535	\$ 3,723,579	\$ 6,373,114

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Function / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		Totals
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 936,844	\$ 31,424	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (905,420)	\$ -	\$ (905,420)
Public safety	1,267,525	370,487	45,116	31,273	(820,649)	-	(820,649)
Public services	542,622	-	-	-	(542,622)	-	(542,622)
Culture and recreation	372,338	129,498	-	-	(242,840)	-	(242,840)
Interest on long-term debt	41,400	-	-	-	(41,400)	-	(41,400)
Pension expense	399,842	-	-	-	(399,842)	-	(399,842)
Total governmental activities	3,560,571	531,409	45,116	31,273	(2,952,773)	-	(2,952,773)
Business-type activities:							
Water and sewer	1,250,846	1,508,865	-	530,197	-	788,216	788,216
Total business-type activities	1,250,846	1,508,865	-	530,197	-	788,216	788,216
Total primary governmental	\$ 4,811,417	\$ 2,040,274	\$ 45,116	\$ 561,470	(2,952,773)	788,216	(2,164,557)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Sales taxes					1,203,450	-	1,203,450
Property taxes					914,302	-	914,302
Other taxes					166,864	-	166,864
Investment income					851	2,953	3,804
Gain on disposal of assets					1,475	2,000	3,475
Other					50,401	12,441	62,842
Total general revenues and transfers					2,337,343	17,394	2,354,737
Change in net position					(615,430)	805,610	190,180
Net Position - beginning of year					3,264,965	2,917,969	6,182,934
Net Position - end of year					\$ 2,649,535	\$ 3,723,579	\$ 6,373,114

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2016

	General Fund	Park Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 445,238	\$ 201,244	\$ 646,482
Receivables:			
Ad valorem	33,971	-	33,971
Current sales tax	150,869	52,016	202,885
Franchise tax	20,964	-	20,964
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	514,688	-	514,688
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,165,730</u>	<u>\$ 253,260</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,990</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 188,065	\$ 11,348	\$ 199,413
Accrued interest payable	6,729	-	6,729
Due to other funds	71,500	26,465	97,965
Total Liabilities	<u>266,294</u>	<u>37,813</u>	<u>304,107</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	39,501	-	39,501
Committed	333,864	-	333,864
Assigned	1,367	-	1,367
Unassigned	524,704	215,447	740,151
Total Fund Balances	<u>899,436</u>	<u>215,447</u>	<u>1,114,883</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,165,730</u>	<u>\$ 253,260</u>	<u>\$ 1,418,990</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2016

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 1,114,883

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and; therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:

Governmental capital assets	\$ 7,875,748	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,384,497)</u>	5,491,251

Certain items are not available to pay for current period expenditures and; therefore, are either deferred or not applicable to funds:

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions	613,667
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and; therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Compensated absences	\$ (65,851)	
Capital improvement loans payable	(104,068)	
General obligation bonds payable	(1,106,667)	
Net pension liability	<u>(3,293,680)</u>	<u>(4,570,266)</u>

Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,649,535</u>
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CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	General Fund	Park Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 914,302	\$ -	\$ 914,302
Licenses and permits	169,214	-	169,214
Federal and State shared revenues	968,804	340,109	1,308,913
Fines and forfeitures	371,047	-	371,047
Charges for services	-	129,498	129,498
Interest	851	32	883
Other	41,735	9,548	51,283
Total Revenues	<u>2,465,953</u>	<u>479,187</u>	<u>2,945,140</u>
Expenditures			
Current (operating):			
General government	874,949	-	874,949
Public safety	1,193,228	-	1,193,228
Public services	468,901	-	468,901
Culture and recreation	3,999	334,007	338,006
Capital outlay	105,934	30,804	136,738
Debt service:			
Principal	56,277	41,043	97,320
Interest and fiscal charges	40,428	972	41,400
Total Expenditures	<u>2,743,716</u>	<u>406,826</u>	<u>3,150,542</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(277,763)</u>	<u>72,361</u>	<u>(205,402)</u>
Fund balances, October 01, 2015	<u>1,177,199</u>	<u>143,086</u>	<u>1,320,285</u>
Fund balances, September 30, 2016	<u><u>\$ 899,436</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 215,447</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,114,883</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (205,402)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in statement of activities
are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is depreciated over
their estimated useful lives. In the current period, these amounts are:

Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 166,231	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(264,368)</u>	(98,137)

Some revenues and expenses reported in the statement of activities are not
available for spending or do not require the use of current resources
and; therefore, are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the
governmental funds:

Change in compensated absences	(9,370)
Pension expense for the current period	<u>(399,842)</u>

Bond and capital loan proceeds provide current financial resources to
governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in
the statement of net position. Repayment of bond and capital loans
and principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the
repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets:

Payments of debt principal	<u>97,321</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (615,430)</u></u>
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CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
September 30, 2016

	Water & Sewer Fund
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,525,142
Receivables:	
Accounts receivable	187,733
Allowance for bad debts	(25,000)
Due from other funds	97,965
Total current assets	<u>1,785,840</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,085,221
Restricted cash	2,588,731
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,673,952</u>
Total Assets	<u>10,459,792</u>
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred loss on bond refunding	20,152
Deferred outflows related to pensions	10,130
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>30,282</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	65,821
Accrued interest payable	58,817
Current portion of capital improvement loan	36,123
Current portion of bonds payable	510,000
Total current liabilities	<u>670,761</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	2,213
Deposits payable	128,582
Capital improvement loan	313,803
Bonds payable	5,538,333
Net pension liability	53,037
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>6,035,968</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>6,706,729</u>
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Developer construction advances	59,640
Deferred inflows related to pensions	126
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>59,766</u>
 NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	(313,038)
Restricted	2,588,731
Unrestricted	1,447,886
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 3,723,579</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND
NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Water & Sewer Fund
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 1,508,865
Total operating revenues	<u>1,508,865</u>
Operating Expenses	
Personnel services	44,844
Supplies, services and other charges	897,937
Depreciation and amortization	<u>187,666</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,130,447</u>
Operating income	<u>378,418</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Capital grant	530,197
Interest income	2,953
Gain from sale of asset	2,000
Rental income	12,441
Interest expense and bond fees	<u>(120,399)</u>
Net nonoperating expenses	<u>427,192</u>
Change in net position	805,610
Net position - Beginning	<u>2,917,969</u>
Net position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 3,723,579</u></u>

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CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,463,516
Cash payments for goods and services	(1,103,288)
Cash payments for personnel services	<u>(36,723)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>323,505</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:	
Receipts from rental income	12,441
Receipts from other funds	<u>8,196</u>
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>20,637</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Proceeds from debt issuance	3,500,000
Principal paid on notes payables	(417,076)
Interest paid on notes payable	(120,399)
Increase in compensated absences payable	622
Proceeds from capital grants	530,197
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	2,000
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	<u>(2,416,773)</u>
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	<u>1,078,571</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	<u>2,953</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>2,953</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,425,666
Cash and cash equivalents, October 01, 2015	<u>2,688,207</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30, 2016	<u><u>\$ 4,113,873</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>
Reconciliation of change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 378,418
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	187,666
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivables, net	(48,136)
(Increase) decrease in other receivables	49,761
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	3,146
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(353,013)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	32,523
Increase (decrease) in customer meter deposits	2,787
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	10,587
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	<u>59,766</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 323,505</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF FLORENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2016

(1) Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The City of Florence was incorporated in 1905 in Rankin County, Mississippi. The City operates under a mayor-board of aldermen form of government that provides all of the rights and privileges provided by statute for municipalities. The accounting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments.

Some organizations are included as component units because of their fiscal dependency on the primary government. An organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government if it is unable to adopt its own budget, levy taxes or set rates or charges, or issue bonded debt without approval by the primary government.

Based on the application of the criteria above, no component units of the City were identified.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which primarily rely on fees and charges for services.

The statement of net position is designed to display the financial position of the primary government (governmental and business-type activities) and its component units. Governments will report all capital assets, including infrastructure, in the government-wide statement of net position and will report depreciation expense in the statement of activities.

The government-wide statement of activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of each of the government's functions. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific activity or program. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given activity or program, and (2) grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular activity or program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Fund financial statements display the financial transactions and accounts of the City based on funds. The operation of each fund is considered to be an independent accounting entity. The fund financial statements also include a reconciliation to the government-wide statement.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements, proprietary fund financial statements, and the fiduciary fund financial statements are all reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this focus and basis, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of when the cash is received or expended.

Property tax, sales tax, franchise tax, intergovernmental revenue, and investment earnings are considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available when cash is received.

CITY OF FLORENCE
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September 30, 2016

All governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. The City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year; taxpayer assessed income and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when received by intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for principal and interest payments on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due.

Major Governmental Funds

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Park Fund is used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Major Proprietary Fund

The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the operations of the City's water and wastewater systems and waste disposal, (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Water and Sewer Fund and the Sanitation Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Fund Balance

Governmental fund balance is reported in five separate categories: Nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. When both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted fund balance first. When expenditures qualify for more than one unrestricted fund balance classification, it is the City's policy to use resources in the following order: Committed, assigned, and then unassigned.

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Alderman. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

CITY OF FLORENCE
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September 30, 2016

Assigned fund balance - amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Alderman or by an official to which the Board delegates.

Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose.

Cash and Investments

The City's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the proprietary funds consider all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Interfund loans or transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

Interfund receivables and payables between funds are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements on the statement of net position.

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is estimated based on professional judgment and historical information.

Inventory

No inventories are maintained in the General Fund or Proprietary Fund. Supplies are recorded as an expenditures when purchased.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are recorded at fair market value as of the date received. The City defines capital assets as assets with an initial cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Computer Equipment and Peripherals	3 years
Vehicles and Equipment	5 years
Heavy Equipment	10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	7 years
Improvements other than Buildings	20 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years

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Compensated Absences

The City records the vested portion of accumulated unused compensated absences at year-end based on each employee's accumulated unused hours and rate of pay. All compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the governmental-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Compensated absences expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will make the payments.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Long-term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position.

Pensions

Financial reporting information pertaining to the City's participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi ("PERS") is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date.

The fiduciary net position, as well as additions to and deductions from the fiduciary net position, of PERS have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. The financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Member and employer contributions are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments and statutory requirements. Benefits and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the statutes governing PERS. Expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred, regardless of when payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value on a trade date basis. The fiduciary net position is reflected in the measurement of the City's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Comparative Data

Comparative data have not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

CITY OF FLORENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2016

(2) Reclassifications

Certain amounts in 2015 have been reclassified to conform with the 2016 classifications. The reclassifications had no effect on the City's net position or changes in net position or fund balances.

(3) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to September 1, the Mayor submits to the Board of Alderpersons a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. During September, the budget must be published in a newspaper published in the city (or the county if none is published by the city).
3. Prior to the adoption of the budget, at least one public hearing is held by the Board of Alderpersons to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget. The public hearing must be held at least one week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice and held outside normal working hours.
4. Prior to September 15, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
5. Routine budget revisions may be made by the Board as often as necessary. However, when a department's total budget has been revised up or down by ten percent (10%) or more, public notice must be given of the change. Also, during the first three months of office, while operating under the prior Board's budget, the new Board is limited to one revision if a deficit is evident.
6. It is the City's policy for the Board to approve all budget transfers between departments and/or funds.
7. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the various funds. Budgeting data presented is as originally adopted or amended by the Board of Aldermen.
8. Budgets for the various funds are not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles but rather on a modified cash basis as required by State statutes.

(4) Due To and Due From Other Funds

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds."

Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Short-term amounts owed between funds are classified as "due to/from other funds" and are considered "available spendable resources". Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds."

Interfund receivables and payables between funds are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements on the statement of net position.

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(5) Fund Balance

Beginning with fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the City's fund balances more transparent.

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Alderman. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned fund balance - amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Alderman or by an official to which the Board delegates the City.

Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose. Only positive amounts are reported in governmental funds.

The City establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by a Board order. Assigned fund balance is established by management's intention to use funds for specific purposes.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the City considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, then unassigned funds, as needed.

(6) Cash Deposits

Mississippi Code Section 21-33-323 allows municipalities to maintain deposits in banks and savings and loan associations insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Municipalities may also invest in obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi, or of any county, school district or municipal bonds that have been approved by a reputable bond attorney or have been validated by decree of the chancery court, or in obligations issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America which are subject to a repurchase agreement with a qualified depository.

State statute requires that all deposits in financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to 105% of the amount not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The City participates in the State Treasurer's collateral pool. The City's deposits were fully insured or collateralized with securities held by this pool at September 30, 2016.

At September 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$5,275,043 and the bank balance was \$5,333,955. All investments by the City of Florence during the year were in bank certificates of deposit.

CITY OF FLORENCE
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(7) Restricted, Committed, and Unassigned Fund Balance

In the water and sewer fund, cash accounts were required to be established for several purposes for compliance with the 2016 Series Revenue Bond agreement. Those accounts are restricted for the specific purposes for which they were created and total \$2,529,029. An amount related to a project of the water and sewer fund is also restricted in the amount of \$59,702. The total cash restricted for water and sewer purposes totals \$2,588,731.

The City also has cash in the general fund that is restricted by law or outside parties as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Restricted:	
Drug Seizure	\$ 3,386
General Fund Reserve	139,956
GNB Road Maintenance	36,115
Total	<u>\$ 179,457</u>
Committed:	
Fire Truck	\$ 164,056
Stonebrook Reserve	15,445
Municipal Fire	6,473
Court Special Assessments	86,561
City Hall Savings	61,329
Total	<u>\$ 333,864</u>
Assigned:	
Park Savings	<u>\$ 1,367</u>

(8) Property Tax

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied October 1 and are payable on or before February 1 (or in installments, plus interest, payable as follows: 50% due February 1; 25% due by May 1; and 25% due by August 1). All property taxes are collected and remitted to the City by the county tax collector.

(9) Florence Improvement Company

In April 2000, the City set up a nonprofit organization, Florence Improvement Company, Inc., designed to borrow money and acquire leasehold interest in unimproved and improved property with funds it borrows and lease the property to the City of Florence for the amount of money to cover the loans. The directors of Florence Improvement Company, Inc. are elected officials of the City of Florence.

(10) Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of \$160,663 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$499,824 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at September 30, 2016 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

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(11) Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures

1. Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at September 30, 2016 were:

	Due From	(Due To)	Net Balance
General Fund	(26,465)	\$ (97,965)	\$ (124,430)
Parks Fund	-	26,465	26,465
Water & Sewer Fund	97,965	-	97,965
	<u>\$ 71,500</u>	<u>\$ (71,500)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Water and Sewer Fund receivable includes an amount of \$106,161 related to a prior year bond issue and is not expected to be repaid within one year.

2. Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis:

Mississippi law requires that municipalities prepare budgets using the modified cash basis, which differs from GAAP basis. The budget and all transactions are presented in accordance with the City's method (modified cash basis) in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule -General Fund to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between budget and GAAP basis are that only expenditures relating to the 9/30/16 fiscal year which are paid within the first 30 days after year end are included in the budget and all revenues are recognized for budgetary purposes when received. Budgetary and GAAP differences are shown as reconciling items on the budget comparison schedule.

(12) Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities at September 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Balance 10/01/15	Increases	Decrease	Completed CIP	Balance 09/30/16
Governmental Activities					
Non-depreciable					
Land	\$ 867,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 867,224
Construction in progress	1,023,215	61,208	-	-	1,084,423
Total	<u>1,890,439</u>	<u>61,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,951,647</u>
Depreciable					
Buildings & improvements	4,432,566	6,129	-	-	4,438,695
Machinery, equip & vehicles	1,391,814	94,893	(5,300)	-	1,481,407
Total	<u>5,824,380</u>	<u>101,022</u>	<u>(5,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,920,102</u>
Less accum. depreciation					
Buildings & improvements	1,123,235	140,948	-	-	1,264,183
Machinery, equip & vehicles	1,002,195	123,420	(5,300)	-	1,120,315
Total	<u>2,125,430</u>	<u>264,368</u>	<u>(5,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,384,498</u>
Net book value	<u>3,698,950</u>	<u>(163,346)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,535,604</u>
Governmental Activities, net	<u>\$5,589,389</u>	<u>\$ (102,138)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$5,487,251</u>

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A summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities at September 30, 2016 is as follows:

	Balance 10/01/15	Increases	Decrease	Completed CIP	Balance 09/30/16
Business-type Activities					
Non-depreciable					
Construction in progress	\$1,376,890	\$2,416,773	\$ -	\$(3,520,530)	\$ 273,133
Total	<u>1,376,890</u>	<u>2,416,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,520,530)</u>	<u>273,133</u>
Depreciable					
Buildings & improvements	7,350,304	-	-	3,520,530	10,870,834
Machinery, equip & vehicles	<u>678,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>626,574</u>
Total	<u>8,028,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,783)</u>	<u>3,520,530</u>	<u>11,497,408</u>
Less accum. depreciation					
Buildings & improvements	4,979,666	162,252	-	-	5,141,918
Machinery, equip & vehicles	<u>569,771</u>	<u>25,414</u>	<u>(51,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,402</u>
Total	<u>5,549,437</u>	<u>187,666</u>	<u>(51,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,685,320</u>
Net book value	<u>2,479,224</u>	<u>(187,666)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,520,530</u>	<u>5,812,088</u>
Business-type Activities, net	<u>\$3,856,114</u>	<u>\$2,229,107</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$6,085,221</u>

(13) Long-Term Debt

Bonds and capital improvement loans payable at September 30, 2016 are comprised of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Bonds		
\$3,500,000 2016 Revenue Bond payable annually for 20 years to First National Bank of Clarksdale with installments ranging from \$120,000 to \$250,000, bearing interest ranging from 2.375% to 3.000%.	\$ -	\$ 3,500,000
\$2,580,000 2014 Revenue Bond payable semi-annually for 7 years to Peoples Bank with installments ranging from \$345,000 to \$395,000, bearing interest of 3.88% ranging from .75% to 2.25%.	-	2,235,000
\$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2002-1 payable for 20 years to Trustmark Bank with installments ranging from \$20,000 to \$75,000, bearing interest of 4.4561%.	156,667	313,333
\$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 payable semi-annually for 20 years to Priority One Bank with installments ranging from \$20,000 to \$75,000, bearing interest ranging from .75% to 4.75%.	<u>950,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Bonds	<u>\$ 1,106,667</u>	<u>\$ 6,048,333</u>

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
<u>Capital Improvement Loans</u>		
\$500,000 2002 Capital Improvement Loan for infrastructure improvements, of which the City drew \$470,982. The City makes monthly payments of \$2,259 to the Mississippi Development Authority, which includes of 2%, with the final payment due March 31, 2025.	\$ 76,310	\$ 152,620
\$500,000 2003 Capital Improvement Loan for infrastructure improvements, of which the City drew \$388,926. The City makes monthly payments of \$2,529 to the Mississippi Development Authority, which includes of 2%, with the final payment due October 31, 2025.	-	197,306
\$200,000 2012 Splash Pad Note, which is payable to Copiah Bank in 60 monthly payments of \$3,501 which includes of 1.91%, with the final payment due May 15, 2017.	<u>27,758</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Improvement Loans Payable	<u>\$ 104,068</u>	<u>\$ 349,926</u>
Total Bonds and Capital Improvement Loans Payable	<u>\$ 1,210,735</u>	<u>\$ 6,398,259</u>

Transactions for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, including compensated absences, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Balance 10/1/15</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance 9/30/16</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Improvement loans	\$ 153,056	\$ -	\$ 48,988	\$ 104,068
General obligation bonds	1,155,000	-	48,333	1,106,667
Compensated absences	56,481	9,370	-	65,851
Total governmental activities	<u>1,364,537</u>	<u>9,370</u>	<u>97,321</u>	<u>1,276,586</u>
Business-type Activities				
General obligation bonds	2,930,000	-	381,667	2,548,333
Capital Improvement loans	385,335	-	35,409	349,926
Revenue Bonds-2016	-	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
Compensated absences	1,591	622	-	2,213
	<u>3,316,926</u>	<u>3,500,622</u>	<u>417,076</u>	<u>6,400,472</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,681,463</u>	<u>\$ 3,509,992</u>	<u>\$ 514,397</u>	<u>\$ 7,677,058</u>

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Annual requirements to amortize loans and bonds outstanding as of September 30, 2016, including interest payments are as follows:

Year Ended 9/30	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2017	\$ 90,862	\$ 40,409	\$ 546,123	\$ 150,755	\$ 828,149
2018	63,268	38,705	556,851	152,547	811,371
2019	65,101	37,053	570,927	139,086	812,167
2020	70,271	35,253	591,685	125,241	822,450
2021	72,112	33,110	605,791	110,831	821,844
2022-2026	324,121	131,836	1,431,882	378,315	2,266,154
2027-2031	305,000	84,925	945,000	245,944	1,580,869
2032-2036	220,000	20,413	1,150,000	105,975	1,496,388
Total	<u>\$ 1,210,735</u>	<u>\$ 421,704</u>	<u>\$ 6,398,259</u>	<u>\$ 1,408,694</u>	<u>\$ 9,439,392</u>

(14) Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description.

The City contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi ("PERS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and was created with the purpose to provide pension benefits for all state and public education employees, sworn officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, other public employees whose employers have elected to participate in PERS, and elected members of the State Legislature and the President of the Senate. PERS administers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans.

For the cost-sharing plan participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.00% of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.50% for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. A member may elect a reduced retirement allowance payable for life with the provision that, after death, a beneficiary receives benefits for life or for a specified number of years. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. In the event of death prior to retirement of any member whose spouse and/or children are not entitled to a retirement allowance, the deceased member's accumulated contributions and interest are paid to the designated beneficiary.

Contributions

The contributions requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered compensation and employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2016 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The City's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015,

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and 2014 was \$191,653, \$186,762, and \$194,196, which was equal to the required contribution for each year.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2016, the City reported a liability of \$3,346,717 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the City's proportion was 0.018736 percent, which was an increase of 0.00526 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

Changes in net pension liability are recognized in pension expense with the following exceptions:

Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience

Differences between actual and expected experience with regard to economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using a straight-line amortization method over the average of the expected remaining service lives of active and inactive members. For 2016, this was 3.48 years, which was a decrease of .24 years from the prior year average of 3.72.

For the year ended September 30, 2016, the City recognized pension expense of \$407,963. Of this amount, \$399,842, was allocated to governmental activities and \$8,121, was allocated to business-type activities.

At September 30, 2016, the City reported deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 66,525	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	181,379	-
Change of assumptions	112,435	6,338
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	216,944	
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	52,726	-
Total	<u>\$ 630,009</u>	<u>\$ 6,338</u>

The \$52,726 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending September 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:

2017	\$ 255,154
2018	202,428
2019	166,089
2020	-
Total	<u>\$ 623,671</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.75 - 19% average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75% net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected with Scale BB to 2016, with males rates set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2015. The experience report is dated May 4, 2016.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Broad	34%	5.20%
International equity	19%	5.00%
Emerging markets equity	8%	5.45%
Fixed income	20%	0.25%
Real assets	10%	4.00%
Private equity	8%	6.15%
Cash	1%	-0.50%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (15.75%). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the net pension liability of the cost-sharing plan, calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate of 1-percentage-point lower (6.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than current rate:

	Discount Rate		
	1% Decrease 6.75%	Current 7.75%	1% Increase 8.75%
City's proportional share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,291,242	\$ 3,346,717	\$ 2,563,068

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Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi financial report. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

(15) Risk Management

Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool - The City is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group (MMWCG) and the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan (MMLP), both of which are administered by Municipal Services, Inc. Both groups are risk-sharing pools; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool.

MMWCG covers risks of loss arising from injuries to the City's employees. The Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission requires that an indemnity agreement be executed by each member in a workers' compensation self-insurance pool for the purpose of jointly and severally binding the pool and each of the employers comprising the group to meet the workers' compensation obligations of each member. Each member of the MMWCG contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust. The funds in the trust account are used to pay any employee claim. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the pool members would be required to pay for the deficiencies. The City has not had an additional assessment for excess losses incurred by the pool.

MMLP covers the risk of loss related to torts and other liability claims. The general policy limit is \$500,000 per occurrence, but the policy also tracks the Mississippi tort claims law for municipalities which limits the City's liability to \$250,000 per occurrence. The policy also covers up to \$1,000,000 in federal claims. As with the MMWCG, pool members would be required to pay for the deficiency should total claims for the year exceed member contributions. The City has received no assessments for excess losses incurred by the pool.

(16) Limitation of Indebtedness:

Section 21-33-303, Miss. Code 1972 (Ann.), prohibits any municipality from issuing bonds secured by a pledge of its full faith and credit for the purposes authorized by law in an amount which, when added to the then outstanding bonded indebtedness of such municipality shall exceed either (a) fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of the taxable property within such municipality, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, or (b) ten percent (10%) of the assessment upon which taxes were levied for its fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. In computing such indebtedness, there may be deducted all bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, heretofore or hereafter issued, for school, water, sewer systems, gas and light and power purposes and for the construction of special improvements primarily chargeable to the property benefited, or for the purpose of paying the municipality's proportion of any betterment program, a portion of which is primarily chargeable to the property benefited.

However, in no case shall any municipality contract any indebtedness which, when added to all of the outstanding general obligation indebtedness, both bonded and floating, shall exceed either (a) twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxed property within such municipality according to the last completed assessment for taxation or (b) fifteen percent (15%) of the assessment upon which taxes were levied for its fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to contract obligations in any form heretofore or hereafter incurred by any municipality for school purposes or to contract obligations in any form heretofore or hereafter incurred by any municipality which are payable exclusively from the revenues of any municipally-owned utility, or to bonds issued by any municipality under the provisions of Sections 57-1-1 through 57-1-51, or to any special assessment improvement bonds issued by any municipality under the provisions of Section 21-41-1 through 21-41-53.

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All bonds issued prior to July 1, 1990, pursuant to this chapter by any municipality for the purpose of the constructing, replacing, renovating or improving wastewater collection and treatment facilities in order to comply with an administrative order of the Mississippi Department of Natural Resources issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and amendments thereto, are hereby exempt from the limitation imposed by this section, if the governing body of the municipality adopts an order, resolution or ordinance to the effect that the rates paid by the users of such facilities shall be increased to the extent necessary to provide sufficient funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as each respectively becomes due and payable as well as the necessary expenses in connection with the operation and maintenance of such facilities.

The following is a schedule of limitations on the indebtedness of the City, at September 30, 2016:

Authorized Debt Limit:	<u>15 Percent</u>	<u>20 Percent</u>
Assessed Valuation for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015: \$ 34,528,325	\$ 5,179,249	\$ 6,905,665
Present debt subject to debt limitation	<u>(1,658,056)</u>	<u>(1,658,056)</u>
Margin for further general indebtedness	<u>\$ 3,521,193</u>	<u>\$ 5,247,609</u>

(18) Date of Management Review and Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 31, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and found that there were no material subsequent events to be disclosed.

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CITY OF FLORENCE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Budget as Amended	Actual	Variances Final Budgeted to Actual Over (Under)
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 875,000	\$ 910,217	\$ 914,302	\$ 4,085
Licenses and permits	193,500	193,500	169,214	(24,286)
State shared revenues	1,348,071	1,578,051	968,804	(609,247)
Fines and forfeits	430,000	430,000	371,047	(58,953)
Other	15,000	45,300	42,586	(2,714)
Total revenues	<u>2,861,571</u>	<u>3,157,068</u>	<u>2,465,953</u>	<u>(691,115)</u>
Expenditures:				
General government	971,180	971,180	874,949	(96,231)
Public safety	1,309,721	1,309,721	1,193,228	(116,493)
Public service	438,537	438,537	468,901	30,364
Culture and recreation	3,999	3,999	3,999	-
Capital outlays	552,136	857,136	105,934	(751,202)
Debt service	99,790	99,790	96,705	(3,085)
Total expenditures	<u>3,375,363</u>	<u>3,680,363</u>	<u>2,743,716</u>	<u>(936,647)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ (513,792)</u>	<u>\$ (523,295)</u>	<u>(277,763)</u>	<u>\$ 245,532</u>
Fund Balance, October 01, 2015			<u>1,177,199</u>	
Fund Balance, September 30, 2016			<u>\$ 899,436</u>	

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

CITY OF FLORENCE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
PARK FUND
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Budget as Amended	Actual	Variances Final Budgeted to Actual Over (Under)
Revenues:				
Federal and state shared	\$ 300,000	\$ 365,294	\$ 340,109	\$ (25,185)
Charges for services	140,000	142,010	129,498	(12,512)
Other	10,300	10,300	9,580	(720)
Total revenues	<u>450,300</u>	<u>517,604</u>	<u>479,187</u>	<u>(38,417)</u>
Expenditures:				
Culture and recreation	382,791	382,791	334,007	(48,784)
Debt service	42,100	42,100	42,015	(85)
Capital outlays	<u>48,300</u>	<u>48,300</u>	<u>30,804</u>	<u>(17,496)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>473,191</u>	<u>473,191</u>	<u>406,826</u>	<u>(66,365)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ (22,891)</u>	<u>\$ 44,413</u>	72,361	<u>\$ 27,948</u>
Fund Balance, October 01, 2015			<u>143,086</u>	
Fund Balance, September 30, 2016			<u>\$ 215,447</u>	

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share
of the Net Pension Liability
Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
City's proportion of the net pension liability	\$ 3,346,717	\$ 2,814,907
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.018736%	0.018210%
City's covered employee payroll	\$ 1,198,603	\$ 1,137,670
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	279.22%	247.43%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.47%	61.70%

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Schedule of City Contributions
Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 191,653	\$ 180,762
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>191,653</u>	<u>180,762</u>
Contribution deficiency	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's covered-employee payroll	1,216,844	1,147,695
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

MEASUREMENT DATE

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of June 30 of the year prior to the fiscal year presented.

DATA AVAILABLE AND PRESENTED

The required supplementary schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years, as required by GASB 68. GASB 68 was implemented during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and only reflects data for years for which trend information is available.

CHANGE OF BENEFIT TERMS

None.

CHANGE OF ASSUMPTIONS

None.

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Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials
September 30, 2016

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Pam Clark	Mayor	Municipal Program	\$ 50,000
All	Alderspersons (5)	Municipal Program	\$ 50,000 each
Linda C. Wigley	City Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 75,000
Richard Thomas	Police Chief	Western Surety	\$ 75,000
John Mickle	Park Director	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Paula Eure	Park Secretary and Deputy Water Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Debra Ross	Park Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Dana Vaughn	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Julia Whittington	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Melissa J. Mccue	Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 75,000
Tiffany Matlock	Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Tammie Roberson	Planning and Zoning Administrator	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Various Policemen	Police Department	Western Surety	\$ 25,000

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors
City of Florence, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of City of Florence, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Florence, Mississippi's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Florence, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Florence, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Florence, Mississippi's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Florence, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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August 31, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S SPECIAL REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen
City of Florence, Mississippi

We have audited the basic financial statements of the City of Florence, Mississippi ("City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2017. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the basic financial statements disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended for the information of the City's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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